

# **TOWN OF PALM BEACH**

Information for Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting on: March 6, 2019

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To: Recreation Advisory Commission

From: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager  
Rod Gardiner, Assistant Director of Recreation

Re: Information for Update on Recreation Center/Seaview Park Project

Date: February 28, 2019

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Update on Recreation Center/Seaview Park Project**

Staff will give a verbal update on the progress of the construction of the Recreation Center and the improvements to Seaview Park, including the Seaview Park Tennis Center Pro-Shop and viewing pavilion.

Walls and rooms are really starting to take shape, displaying some of the buildings character.

The gymnasium in particular is showing progress. The shell, roof structure, and more are in place. The tennis pavilion backfill is complete and is getting ready for column and slab work. The Recreation Center roof trusses are mostly in place, and some of the exterior architectural touches can be seen. Renovation of the tennis pro-shop will begin soon.

The Playground Selection Committee has finished its first round, and will have follow-up presentations from two of the potential vendors – Kompan, Inc. and DW Recreation Services, Inc. This is scheduled for next week.

Overall, the project remains on time and on budget. During the update, progress photos will be presented.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **FY2020 Budget Development**

The FY2020 budget process has begun. Staff is reviewing and developing expenditures budgets, revenue projections, potential fee updates, and, as always, looking for cost efficiency opportunities. At the May 6, 2019 Recreation Advisory Commission meeting, the expenditure budget, revenue projections and fee proposals will be provided in the backup to you.

As a reminder, starting with the FY2019 budget, the Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course and Town Docks are in two separate independent business enterprise funds, while Recreation Administration, Recreation Center and Tennis have been moved to the General Fund.

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## **Town of Palm Beach**



## **Recreation Department**

### **STAFF REPORT** **Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting** **March 6, 2019**

#### **RECREATION CENTER**

##### **Seaview Park**

The construction of the Mandel Recreation Center remains on-schedule, with completion expected in the fall of 2019. By way of walls and architectural features beginning to take shape, and even some roofing, the building is taking form and its character is being revealed. Those who wish may follow the progress online with construction photos posted regularly at [palmbeachrecreation.com](http://palmbeachrecreation.com), Recreation Center Project.

##### **Adult and Youth Programs**

The winter session will wrap up next week. As noted previously, programs are held at the Palm Beach Day Academy, Palm Beach Public School, Bethesda-By-The-Sea Episcopal Church and the Palm Beach Central Fire Rescue Station EOC Conference Room. Most spring session programs are scheduled to begin the week of March 25 and will be held in the same locations. Spring youth programs offered will include Indoor Soccer, Fencing, and Story Time Soccer. Adult programs offered will include Italian I & II, French I & II, Spanish I & Advanced Beginners, Painting/Drawing, Toning, Digital Photography, and Stretching. Again, we are very grateful to them for working with us and allowing access to their facilities. We are actively working with the Palm Beach Day Academy to see what arrangements can be made for a modified summer camp on the upper campus.

##### **Spring Celebration**

We are looking to host a modified Spring Celebration at either Palm Beach Day Academy or Bradley Park in April. It will feature many of the same components, candy filled eggs, prizes, light refreshments and entertainment.

#### **TENNIS PROGRAMS/CENTERS**

##### **Construction at Seaview Park**

A temporary pro-shop will be in place and operational sometime in March. This will allow for the renovations on the pro-shop to begin. It will be located on the north end of the front lawn, directly to the west of the current pro-shop. It will feature a small reception area, single restroom, and a small storage area and will have the fiber optic connections for phone, internet, etc. Access to the courts will be limited to the gate between courts #5 and #6. There will be times when the Seaview Park Tennis Center may be closed; however, we are working with Hedrick Brothers Construction to minimize this. As construction progresses, notices will

continue to be posted, along with ebasts sent, as operational plans are modified to ensure safety and as much play as possible during construction.

### **Court Conditions and Usage**

Court conditions remain high and playability is good on the courts. We continue to manage full and part-time staff members' schedules to allow for more time with on-court maintenance most days. Pro-shop coverage has also been tweaked to allow for additional staff during peak hours in an effort to improve service levels. Play at both centers has been solid this fiscal year.

### **Team Tennis**

Due to the construction at Seaview Park, impacts to parking as well as the lack of amenities such as the viewing pavilion, Town teams have been playing most of their matches at Phipps Ocean Park Tennis Center. The Town hosts the following teams this season:

- PBC Women's Tennis Association Open Division
- PBC Women's Tennis Association Division 1
- PBC Women's Tennis Association Division 6
- Palm League Team Queens III
- PBC Senior Tennis League, Men's
- PBC Senior Tennis League, Women's

### **Teaching Services**

Head Pro Dejan Minic, USPTA/PTR and Assistant Pros Sean Bianca Lee, PTR, Armand Segodo, USPTA, Mickael Barziza, USPTA, and Ivo Ljubobratcic, PTR, are offering a full program of clinics, lessons and coaching some of the league teams. Clinics are offered six days a week, lessons every day of the week and junior programs are offered Monday through Thursday for several age groups and levels.

## **PAR 3 GOLF COURSE**

### **Play Information**

Through February of FY19, we are well ahead of last year's record rounds of golf played. We are on track to do 40,000 rounds this fiscal year. We have had excellent weather so far which is a contributing factor in driving rounds. The additional rounds of golf also help drive increased shop and cart revenues.

### **Comparisons (October 1 – February 28)**

| Par 3 Golf Course    | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | Variance |
|----------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Total Rounds of Golf | 16,450  | 18,115  | 10.12%   |

### **Course and Clubhouse Conditions**

Being as busy as we are in season, keeping up with maintenance can be challenging. We are doing regular topdressing every month, as budget allows, and this greatly improves the putting surfaces. Instead of buckets of sand on tees and carts, we rely on staff to sand the tees in the mornings.

Naturally, with over 500 people a day visiting the clubhouse, this creates challenges to our staff in daily housekeeping and we are constantly improving our efforts to address these issues.

**Golf Instruction**

We continue to seek out instructors to teach at the Par 3. This year, of the 4 instructors we added, only 2 have started teaching on a regular basis but we remain on par with projected revenues. We offer golf clinics 7 days a week and they remain very popular.